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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/Collection & Dissemination
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Special Assistant for Intelligence,
Department of State
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United States Air Force

SUBJECT: Meeting to Discuss the Need for an Inventory
of Internal Social Science Research on
Foreign Areas.

1. The External Research Staff, Department of State, is about to publish a comprehensive inventory of external social science research on foreign areas sponsored by agencies of the Federal Government. A major purpose of this inventory is to provide government agencies with data about research contracts so that undesirable duplication of research effort can be avoided; so that agencies with common interests may cooperate in their research endeavors; and so that maximum utilization of research results may be assured.

2. Representatives of some agencies have expressed a desire for a companion inventory which would list major social science research projects on foreign areas conducted within each federal agency. The primary purposes of such an inventory would be the same as the purposes for the external research inventory.

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3. It is requested that your agency send a representative to a meeting at which the need for an inventory of internal research as described above will be discussed.

4. The meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, 24 February 1954, in Room 1125 M Building. The security classification of the discussion will be Secret. It is requested that the names of persons expected to attend the meeting be reported to [redacted] by Wednesday, 24 February. Questions concerning the meeting should be referred to [redacted]

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